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THE RAGE OF VENOM!™

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NEW YORK'S LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, WHERE ARRIVING FLIGHT 719 FROM SAN FRANCISCO--

-- HAS JUST DISEMBARKED EDWARD BROCK, A PASSENGER WHOSE CASUAL ATTIRE HOLDS A STARTLING SECRET:

IT'S ALIVE!

THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE "CLOTHING" SHARES EDDIE'S THOUGHTS, HIS FEELINGS.

AND RIGHT NOW, THEIR COMMON MIND POOL IS A TURBULENT JUMBLE OF HATRED, DISGUST--

--AND RAGE!

YOU-- CARNAGE! WE THOUGHT WE WERE DONE WITH YOU!

BUT WE'VE COME BACK TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS TIME...

CARNAGE IN NEW YORK

YOU DIIIEEE!

VENOM?!?

F...F-F-F...F-F...

COULD "FREEZE" POSSIBLY BE THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

SORRY--

--WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO FREEZE!

CHAKREESH

RETURNING TO NEW YORK IS RISKY--

--AND UNEXPECTED--

--SINCE WE FINALLY RECONCILED OUR VENDETTA AGAINST SPIDER-MAN!

BUT WE'RE NOT AFTER THE INFERNAL WALL-CRAWLER THIS TIME!

NO, WE SEEK INSTEAD A MONSTER THAT WE, OURSELVES, HELPED TO CREATE! AND THUS--

GRAY LINE

--MUST NOW DESTROY!

MANHATTAN. THE HOLY GHOST CHURCH.

YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!

THAT SCREAMING WITCH DESTROYED THE *ONE THING* ON THIS PLANET THAT MATTERS TO ME!

C'MON, CLOAK TAKE IT, EASY!

>OW< BETTER HEED MY OWN ADVICE! THESE *CRACKED RIBS* HURT EVERY TIME I TALK!

"EASY"? YOU WERE HERE, *SPIDER-MAN!* YOU SAW WHAT SHRIEK DID...

...TO DAGGER!

AFTER ALL, THAT GIRL AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH... TO WATCH HER BURST, JUST *DISAPPEAR* IN A FLASH OF LIGHT--!

SHE DIDN'T EVEN LEAVE ANYTHING TO *BURY!*

CALM DOWN, TYRONE--!

YOU CALM DOWN! *YOU* DIDN'T JUST LOSE *FAMILY!*

I DON'T *WANT* MY BLOOD TO COOL...

NOT TILL THE SCUM RESPONSIBLE FOR DAGGER'S DEATH HAS *PAID!*

GONE? GUESS THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR *BLINKING!*

THE WAY CLOAK *TELEPORTS* IN AND OUT IS SOMETHING I'LL *NEVER* GET USED TO!

BUT I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT'S FREAKING ME OUT.

WHAT *REALLY* DISTURBS ME IS WHAT HE *SAID*--

--AND HOW CLOSE IT HITS TO *HOME!*

I'VE LOST MY *SHARE* OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY: UNCLE BEN, GWEN STACY... AND JUST DAYS AGO, *HARRY OSBORN!*

OOOOO

THEN AGAIN, I THOUGHT MY *PARENTS* WERE DEAD FOR TWENTY YEARS, AND THEY SHOWED UP *ALIVE* A FEW WEEKS BACK!

SO MAYBE THERE *IS* A BALANCE!

=agk= GOTTA WATCH THOSE *RIBS--!*

--HE'S TEAMED UP WITH A SIX-ARMED SPIDEY *DOPPLE-GANGER*, AND A VERY DANGEROUS WOMAN CALLED *SHRIEK!*

IF I DON'T KEEP MY MIND ON THE HERE AND NOW--

-- I COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT *DEATH* THAN I REALLY *WANT* TO!

AND I'VE GOT TO STOP THINKING ABOUT THE *PAST!*

EVER SINCE *CARNAGE* ESCAPED FROM THAT ASYLUM, HE'S BEEN ON A *KILLING SPREE!* EVEN WORSE--

WHILE ON A ROOFTOP HALF-A-CITY AWAY, THE DANGEROUS WOMAN SPIDER-MAN REFERRED TO--

--IS JOINED BY COMPANIONS EVEN *MORE* DANGEROUS!

EDGY MOVE, *SHRIEK!* PULLIN' A FADE LIKE THAT--

--AN' GOIN' AFTER *SPIDER-MAN* ON YOUR OWN!

C'MON, *CARNAGE*-- A KILL'S A KILL! I MEAN, *YOU* DUST PEOPLE ALL THE TIME!

THAT'S DIFFERENT!

THE WEB-SLINGER'S MINE! EVERY BONE AND SINEW, EVERY DROP OF BLOOD OR BILE...

RRRR!

GEEZ, CARNY, I-I JUST THOUGHT--

"THOUGHT"? YOU...

"THOUGHT" ?!?

SWEET-CHEEKS, THAT'S A VILE LITTLE HABIT I THINK YOU'D BETTER BREAK!

SOHO, WHERE MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER LIGHTS ANOTHER CIGARETTE. IT'S A VILE, DANGEROUS HABIT, ONE SHE HATES--

--ALMOST AS MUCH AS SHE HATES WAITING FOR HER HUSBAND TO RETURN HOME... OR WONDERING IF HE WILL.

=Hngh=

PETER?

NO--SPIDER-PETER!

I KNEW IT! WHEN YOU DIDN'T COME BACK WITH OUR TAKE OUT DINNER, I KNEW YOU'D GONE OFF TO--

--PETE? WHY ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR RIB-CAGE? DOES IT HURT?

ONLY WHEN I LAUGH...

...cry...

...SWALLOW...

blink

NO JOKES, PETER! YOU *KNOW* HOW I WORRY ABOUT YOU! AND YOU SAID YOU'D *GIVE UP* BEING SPIDER-MAN FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS!

FOR *BOTH* OUR SAKES.

I SAID I'D *TRY*--!

OH, YEAH? WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T TRY VERY *HARD*... DOESN'T IT?

ACROSS TOWN.

AWW, YOUR PET *DOPPELGANGER'S* FEELING *PROTECTIVE!*

BACK OFF, BUG!

THWAT

YOU SAID YOU USED TO HANG WITH ROCK GROUPS, SHRIEK, SO I'LL PUT THIS IN WORDS YOU'LL UNDERSTAND:

THIS "BAND" OF OURS HAS ONE LEADER!

ONE!

AN' DARLIN', YOU'RE LOOKIN' AT 'IM!

I... I GUESS THE BOTTOM LINE IS, YOU'RE HOME. WE CAN TALK IN THE MORNING, WHEN WE'RE BOTH FEELING BETTER.

AT LEAST YOUR SPIDER-POWERS HELP YOU HEAL.

THOSE RIBS SHOULD BE FINE AFTER A NIGHT'S REST.

MARY JANE, I... I DON'T THINK YOU GET IT.

CARNAGE, THE OTHERS... THEY'LL KEEP KILLING TILL THEY'RE STOPPED!

I HAVE TO GO BACK AFTER THEM--

--TONIGHT!

THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, CARNY--I MEAN, *BESIDES* THE FACT THAT YOU *MANGLE* PEOPLE REAL NEAT!

NOT *THERE*...!

YOU'RE SO *MASTERFUL!* TREAT ME RIGHT, TOUGH GUY, AND I'LL FOLLOW YOU ALL THE WAY TO--

HOBOKEN.

CLOSE ENOUGH.

POINT IS, I'LL DO *ANYTHING*, AS LONG AS WE'RE...

...TOGETHER!

THAT'S MORE *LIKE* IT! SO HOW 'BOUT WE CELEBRATE, GO OUT AN' SLAUGHTER A FEW UNSUSPECTIN' GEEKS...

...TOGETHER!

SOHO.

HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF GOING BACK OUT THERE?! YOU'LL BE KILLED! LIZ JUST LOST HARRY--

--DO I HAVE TO LOSE YOU, TOO?

IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY, MJ! THEY KILLED DAGGER! I CAN'T JUST LET THEM GO!

"CAN'T," PETER? OR...

..."WON'T"?

CENTRAL PARK, OFF 72nd STREET...

COULDN'T WE TAKE COLUMBUS AVENUE INSTEAD, JERRY?

GOING THROUGH THE PARK AT NIGHT IS DANGEROUS!

OOO, I'M SCARED! CRIPES, IRMA, WE'RE IN A CAR! WHAT COULD--

SREK

-- HAPPEN?

WINDOWS CLOSED? DOORS LOCKED? HEY, C'MON--

--IT'S CONVERTIBLE WEATHER?

KREESH

LIVE A LITTLE!

SHRIEK

OKAY, VERY LITTLE!

SHRIIP

OH, YEAH, THAT'S *REAL* FAIR! AND AFTER ALL THAT GRIPIN' ABOUT HOW *I* WAS HOGGIN' KILLS!

WHAT CAN I SAY, DARLIN'-- YOU'RE RIGHT! WOULDJA SETTLE FOR *CORPSE* DISPOSAL INSTEAD?

MMMM... 'KAY!

SHEE-UAAK

"SIC 'IM"

THAT NOISE! WHAT--Oh, GEEZ!

YOU! STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE!

YOU KIDDIN'? I WOULDN'T MISS THIS FOR THE *WORLD!*

OKAY, DOPPLE--

=GHAK= S-SOME KINDA WIRE! C-CUTTIN' INTO MY *SKIN!* WHO--?

OH... GOD!

AAIII

SHRRRATCH

...WHAT SAY WE GO FIND SOME MORE NICE FOLKS TO SHARE THE JOY WITH?

BLOODSHED AN' CHAOS! SO...

THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, KIDDOS:

WHILE SOUTHWARD, NEAR THE BOWERY...

I LOVE MARY JANE, AND I KNOW SHE LOVES *ME!* I GUESS THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE "DIFFICULT PERIODS" ALL MARRIAGES GO THROUGH.

'COURSE, MOST COUPLES' PROBLEMS STEM FROM FINANCES, FLIRTATIONS, THAT SORT OF THING.

HOW COME WITH *US* IT HAS TO BE--

--MONSTERS?

THAT'S DEMOGOBLIN!

MAN, IF I'D WANTED MORE PROBLEMS, I WOULD'VE ASKED FOR 'EM!

THEN AGAIN, THIS MIGHT WORK FOR ME! LAST TIME I WENT UP AGAINST DEMO,* HE WAS PALS WITH THE SAME DOPPELGANGER THAT'S LINKED UP WITH CARNAGE'S CREW!

* IN THE SPIRITS OF VENOM CROSSOVER.-- DANNY

"IF I FOLLOW HIM, MAYBE HE'LL LEAD ME TO WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR! GOTTA BE CAREFUL, HANG BACK. MAKE SURE--

"HE DOESN'T SPOT ME!"

WHA--? HE ACCELERATED AS HE ROUNDED THAT CORNER! BUT WHY--?

--NYIKE! GOT TOO CONFIDENT! LET DEMOGOBLIN DOUBLE BACK!

IF IT WASN'T FOR MY SPIDER-SENSE WARNING, I WOULD'VE BEEN FRIED BY THAT FLAME JET!

BETTER STAY UP HIGH, KEEPAWAY FROM CIVILIANS! THEN--

"--UH-OH! HE'S TOSSING A PUMPKIN BOMB!"

BUT I'VE DEALT WITH THEM BEFORE! I'LL JUST STAY CLEAR UNTIL --

HNH? IT'S NOT EXPLODING!

RELEASING SOME SORT OF.. LIVING DARKNESS?!

MOVING TOO FAST! C-CAN'T DODGE IN TIME--!

FEEL... SO COLD! WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME...?

GO GET HIM, SPIDER-MAN!

C'MON, GET UP!

I... I CAN'T!

WH-WHAT'S THE USE?

WHY... WH-WHY EVEN TRY...?

YESSSSS...!

SEVERAL BLOCKS AWAY...

SOME SORT OF COMMOTION IN THE BOWERY?

COULD BE THAT SCARLET-SUITED FIEND!

DISPATCH TO ALL DRIVERS: REROUTE AROUND CENTRAL PARK! SOME LUNATIC CALLED CARNAGE IS RIPPIN' THE PLACE APART!

THE PARK IT IS! WHATEVER THAT DISTURBANCE IN THE BOWERY IS--

-- IT CAN'T BE NEARLY AS IMPORTANT!

A CERTAIN WEB-SLINGER MIGHT DISAGREE!

THAT WAS NO ORDINARY BOMB, SPIDER-MAN!

IT WAS MEANT TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF WHAT ALL SINNERS MUST EVENTUALLY FACE:

THE DESPAIR AND UNENDING HOPELESSNESS OF ETERNAL TORMENT!

BLASPHEMOUS TRICKSTER! RELEASE HIM! BY ALL THAT'S HOLY--!

HSSSS!

MAN OF GOD...

...YOU'LL BURN NEXT!

PRIEST... T-TRIED TO HELP! I CAN'T... LET DEMOGOBLIN HURT HIM!

ZATCH!

HAVE TO FIGHT... AGAINST THE DARKNESS! FIGHT IT... WITH TRUTH!

THE TRUTH... THAT NO MATTER HOW I FEEL... AS LONG AS I BREATHE..

"-- THERE IS HOPE!"

HSSAARRR!

YOU... ALL RIGHT?

THAT I AM, SPIDER-MAN-- THANKS TO YOU!

NO, FATHER... THANKS TO YOU!

WHA-- SPIDER-SENSE! AN ORANGE PUMPKIN BOMB!

THE EXPLODING KIND!

LOOK OUT!

KA-WHAM

OH, BOY. THAT DID MY CRACKED RIBS A LOT OF GOOD!

CAN'T LET =Agh= DEMOGOBLIN KNOW I'M HURT THIS BAD!

NO PROBLEM, IT SEEMS.

HE'S GONE!

SHOULD TRY TO TRACK HIM... BUT ALREADY FEEL LIKE I'M READY TO PASS OUT! HAVE TO CUT MY LOSSES

... AND JUST... GO HOME.

CENTRAL PARK.

ALL IS SILENT.

THE SCREAMS HAVE STOPPED.

FOR NOW...!

MAYBE I SHOULD SCROUNGE UP A CALCULATOR!

THE BODY COUNT'S STARTIN' TA HURT MY BRAIN!

MONSTROSITY! WE'LL TAKE A GALLON OF YOUR BLOOD FOR EVERY INNOCENT DROP YOU'VE SPILLED!

Whoa! "POP"! I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE!

BUT, HEY, STICK AROUND!

I'VE GOT A COUPLE O' FRIENDS I'D LIKE YA TO MEET...!

SOHO: DAWN HUDDLES AN HOUR AWAY.

--EVEN MORNING SUNLIGHT CAN NEVER BRIGHTEN...!

--APPEARS THE MASSACRE IN CENTRAL PARK IS OVER! BUT BODIES LINE WALK-WAYS LIKE HUMAN LITTER, AND--

MY GOD! IF I'D KNOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING, MAYBE I COULD HAVE SAVED SOME OF THEM!

IF YOU'D TRIED, PETER, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ONE OF THEM!

BUT THERE ARE SOME SHADOWS--

I'LL GET IT. MUST BE LIZ, FROM DOWNSTAIRS.

THINGS ARE GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE!

MAYBE IF I GET SOME SLEEP... YEAH, A LITTLE REST. THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT SOME ANSWERS!

NOK NOK

LIZ? IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH--

=gasp=

MARY JANE!

WH-WHAT'S WRONG?! WHAT IS IT!

I... I-I THINK IT'S...

...VENOM!

SO MUCH FOR SLEEP...!

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